WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Cooperation with USA On Defence Matters

*42. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to have close co-operation with the Government of U.S.A. on defence matters, under the aegis of the Indo-US Army Steering Committee; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Indo-US Army Steering Committee considers and oversees agreed programmes of Army to Army interaction including, *inter alia,* reciprocal visits, exchange of observers for exercises, training programmes, seminars and other progessional exchanges.

Increase in Cases Registered By CBI

*44. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an increase in cases registered by the Central Bureau of Investigation during the year 1991;

(b) if so, the details of such increase, crime-wise; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to ensure that crime rates are reduced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE' MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINSITRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA): (a) The number of cases registered by the Central Bureau of Investigation during the last three years is as under:—

1989	—	1,148
1990	—	1,116
1991	—	1,180

(b) Crime wise details of cases registered by the Central Bureau of Investigation are as under:—

	Cases registered by Anti-Corruption Division	Cases registered by Special Crimes Division	Total
1989:	921	227	1,148
1990:	915	201	1,116
1991:	956	224	1,180

(c) The registration, investigation, detection and prevention of crimes is largely dependent *on* the general law and order situation prevailing in the country, which is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. However, taking into consideration the increasing trend in entrusting cases to CBI for investigation, a number of policy decisions intended to quicker disposal of cases have been taken by the Government. Some of these pertain to restructuring of the Central Bureau of Investigation on functional basis, setting-up of more Special Courts, filling-up of vacancies at various levels and setting-up of a full fledged training institute.

Agreement On Defence Package Between India And Russia

*45. SHRI SOM PAL:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether during the recent visit of Russian President Mr. Boris Yeltsin to India, a defence package including joint development of light combat aircraft and updating MIG-21-M was finalised between the two countries;

(b) if so, what were the salient features thereof, including the main defence projects; and

(c) to what extent it replaces the 1991 package?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) A Defence Cooperation agreement between